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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINT, PINS, SP  
SUBJECT: ETA BELIEVED RESPONSIBLE FOR MURDER OF POLICEMAN  
YESTERDAY IN SAN SEBASTIAN

1. AN ARMED POLICEMAN WAS SHOT TO DEATH MAY 19 IN THE SAN  
SEBASTIAN (GUIPUZCOA) RAILROAD STATION BY TWO ASSAILANTS  
WHO FLED IN A STOLEN CAR DURING THE ENSUING CONFUSION.  
NO ONE HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE KILLING, BUT  
MADRID'S AFTERNOON PRESS REPORTS THAT WHILE THE TWO  
HAVE NOT BEEN APPREHENDED, THEY HAVE BEEN TENTATIVELY  
IDENTIFIED AS MEMBERS OF THE ETA "COMMANDO" WHICH ALSO  
WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE APRIL 1976 KIDNAP/MURDER OF  
BASQUE INDUSTRIALIST ANGEL BERAZADI. AMCONSUL BILBAO  
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REPORTS THAT IT IS GENERALLY ASSUMED THAT THE KILLING  
REPRESENTED WHAT MAY BE THE FIRST INSTALLMENT OF  
ETA'S RESPONSE TO THE DEATHS OF FIVE BASQUES AS A  
RESULT OF CONFRONTATIONS BETWEEN PRO-AMNESTY DEMON-  
STRATORS AND POLICE (MADRID 3921 AND PREVIOUS).

2. IN SPITE OF THE SHOOTING THE BASQUE COUNTRY

REPORTEDLY REMAINS RELATIVELY CALM, AND THE SAN SEBASTIAN CHIEF OF POLICE SIGNIFICANTLY TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE ATTACK WOULD NOT "PROVOKE" THE PUBLIC ORDER FORCES.

3. MEANWHILE, IN MADRID LAST NIGHT MOLOTOVE COCKTAILS WERE THROWN FROM SPEEDING CARS AT TWO CIVIL GUARD POSTS, A POLICE STATION, AND A BRANCH OF THE BANK OF BILBAO. NO CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN REPORTED.

4. COMMENT: THE GOS REPORTEDLY HAS UNDER STUDY A PLAN TO SEND INTO EXILE SOME OF THE MORE CONTROVERSIAL REMAINING BASQUE PRISONERS, INCLUDING FIVE OF THOSE CONVICTED BY THE 1970 BURGOS TRIAL (A MEASURE WHICH COULD NOT BE CARRIED OUT UNDER SPANISH LAW WITHOUT THE ACQUIESCENCE OF THE POTENTIAL EXILEES--MADRID 1705). ACTS SUCH AS THE SAN SEBASTIAN SHOOTING OBVIOUSLY WILL MAKE ITS TASK MUCH MORE DIFFICULT, HOWEVER, AS IT ATTEMPTS TO FIND A SOLUTION WHICH WILL SATISFY THE BASQUE MAIN-STREAM WHILE NOT OVERLY ANTAGONIZING THE RIGHT.

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